

RESUME: AIR MARSHAL (DR) PAWAN KAPOOR (Retd)



Air Mshl Pawan Kapoor, an alumnus of the **Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC)**, was commissioned into the **Army Medical Corps (AMC)** on **10 Oct 1979**. He holds a **Masters Degree in Hospital Administration** from the prestigious **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)**, New Delhi. Amongst his other qualifications are **Diplomate of National Board (Health & Hospital Administration)** from **National Board of Examinations (NBE)**, **Diploma in Hospital and Health Management (DHHM)**, **Masters in Management Studies (MMS)** (Osmania University), **MBA (IGNOU)** and **M Phil (Defence and Strategic Management)**.

Air Mshl Pawan Kapoor has held numerous administrative and professional appointments during his **career spanning 38 years in the Armed Forces**. He has been the **Professor & Head of Department of Hospital Administration and Medical Informatics at AFMC Pune**. He has **commanded 105 bedded multi speciality Military Hospital** and held the important Staff appointments of **Training Officer, AMC Centre & College, Lucknow, Directing Staff at Officers Training College, AMC Centre & College**, **Joint Director Armed Forces Medical Services (Personnel) & Director Armed Forces Medical Services (Human Resources)** in the **O/o Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)**, **Brig (Med) of a large Operational Corps, Additional Director General (ADG) (Information Systems, Health & Professional Services) in the O/o DGMS (Army)** and **Additional Director General Armed Forces Medical Services (Human Resources) in the O/o DGAFMS**. After being in the Army from the rank of Lt to Lt Gen, he took over the reins of the medical services of Indian Air Force as **Director General of Medical Services (IAF) and superannuated in the rank of Air Marshal on 31 Dec 2017**.

He has served for more than a decade as **Director Finance of Academy of Hospital Administration** of which he is an **Honorary Fellow**.

Air Mshl Pawan Kapoor is a **Hospital and Health Administrator** of national repute. He has published **more than 40 papers in various journals and contributed more than 10 chapters in published books on varied topics** like **Quality and accreditation and patient safety, Hospital Accounting and Costing, Communication in Health care, Leadership in health Care, Cost effectiveness of Laparoscopic cholecystectomy, Medical Aspects of disaster management, etc.** He is a **Post Graduate examiner** of several Universities.

He is one of the **founder members of National Accreditation Board of Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH)** and has been holding appointments as **Chairman of Technical Committee and Chairman Accreditation Committee and Ethics Committee of NABH**. Currently he is the **Chairman of the Steering Committee of NABH, member of the Ethics Accreditation Committee and a member of NABH as well as NABET Board**. He is also a **lead assessor and validator for International Society of Quality Assurance (ISQUA) in Health care**.

He is National Defence College (NDC) qualified and is the **only Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) Officer to have been awarded the prestigious Col Pyarelal Gold Medal. He has also undergone Long Defence Management Course in which he was awarded the Chief of the Army Staff Interservice Integration Trophy, the first for any AFMS Officer. He also won the award for Best Dissertation & Case Study.**

He is the architect of several path breaking projects in the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS). The important ones are **Cadre restructuring** of Armed Forces Medical Services, **Manpower augmentation** in the AFMS, **Project Report of Army College of Medical Sciences (ACMS)**, Automation in AMC Records and DGMS (Army), **Blue print for change** for AMC Centre & College, Lucknow, **streamlining recruitment procedure of Medical Officers to offset deficiency in AFMS and Upgradation of Military Hospitals**. He prepared the **white paper on meeting of oxygen requirements** in remote locations in 2013. He launched '**Mission Zindagi Campaign**' to combat depression and conceptualised **watch your Child Grow** programme and involvement of parents in the **monitoring of psychosocial development of special children**. He established an International Consultancy Group along with US Air Force to have mutual consultations regarding complex cases pertaining to medical fitness of pilots. He played a pivotal role in coordinating management of J&K natural disasters. He conceptualised the **I REACH (Involving Resource experts for Augmenting Community health care Programme)** and **MEDWATCH – A Mobile Health App for the Indian Air Force**.

For his distinguished services Air Mshl Pawan Kapoor was awarded the **Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in Jan 2018, Vishisht Seva Medal in 2009 and Bar to VSM in 2017, COAS Commendation in 1981, 2004, 2008 and His Order of Royal Emblem from Sultan of Oman in 1984, while he was on deputation from Indian Army to the Sultan of Oman Land Forces wef 1984 to 1988. Air Marshal had been appointed as Honorary Surgeon to the President of India with effect from 01 Jul 16 to 31 Dec 2017. He has been the Commodore Commandant of Institute of Aerospace Medicine and the Past President of Indian Society of Aviation Medicine wef 01 July 2016 to 31 Dec 2017. For his contribution to Patient Safety and Quality in Health Care he has been given the Life Time Achievement Award by the Consortium of the Accredited Health Care Organisations, India. He was honored with the award of AHA Ratna in Aug 2022 in the Annual general Body meeting of AHA. He was also awarded the prestigious FICCI Lifetime achievement award for healthcare excellence in Nov 2024.**

His interest in medical education and his concern for the fledgling career of doctors who return after acquiring MBBS degrees from foreign medical colleges made him to accept the appointment of **Technical Advisor of Ruseducation** for monitoring admissions and medical education abroad. **He is also the Hony Vice Chancellor of Lincoln American University in Guyana.**

His **key areas of interest** are Quality in Healthcare, Patient safety, Medical Education, Research and Public health.



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